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For: Methods for the Identification of Inhibitors of 3-Isopropylmalate Dehydratase as Antibiotics

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Examiner: K. C. Srivastava

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a restriction election in response to the Office Action dated 07 February 2003 requiring restriction of the claims.

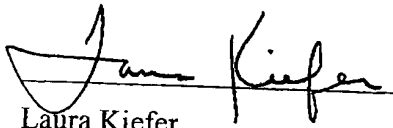
I. Restriction Election

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I (Claims 1-4 and 6), Group II (Claims 5, 7, 12, 17 and 40-43), Group III (Claims 8-11, 13-16 and 18-19), Group IV (Claims 20-25), Group V (Claims 26-39), Group VI (Claims 44-47) and Group VII (Claims 48-49).

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group III (Claims 8-11, 13-16 and 18-19) drawn to a 3-Isopropylmalate Dehydratase activity assay. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications or take other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims without prejudice thereon.

Applicants submit that the case is in condition for prosecution and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains unresolved, Applicants' agent welcomes the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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